



PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of

Kiyoe OCHIAI et al.

Group Art Unit: 2837

Application No.: 10/791,898

Examiner: T. SMITH

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Docket No.: 118936

For: POWER OUTPUT APPARATUS, MOTOR DRIVING METHOD AND COMPUTER-READABLE RECORDING MEDIUM HAVING PROGRAM RECORDED THEREON FOR ALLOWING COMPUTER TO EXECUTE MOTOR DRIVE CONTROL

REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION

Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

In reply to the August 16, 2006 Office Action and the December 15, 2006 personal interview, the period for reply being extended by the attached Petition for Extension of Time, reconsideration of the above-identified application is respectfully requested. Claims 1 and 3-33 are pending.

The courtesies extended to Applicant's representative by Examiner Smith during the December 15, 2006 personal interview are appreciated. The reasons presented at the interview as warranting favorable action are incorporated into the remarks below and constitute Applicant's record of the interview.

Applicants appreciate the allowance of claims 1 and 3-13 and the indication of allowable subject matter in claims 16, 17, 21-23, 26, 27 and 31-33.

Claims 14, 15, 18, 19, 24, 25, 28 and 29 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) over Moriya et al. (Moriya), U.S. Publication No. 2002/0105300, in view of Kumar et al. (Kumar),

U.S. Patent No. 6,023,137, and claims 20 and 30 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) over Moriya in view of Kumar and Nitta et al. (Nitta), U.S. Patent No. 6,203,468. The rejections are respectfully traversed.

As agreed during the personal interview, none of the applied references disclose or suggest a motor driving method with a first step of precharging a capacitor element and a second step of driving a 2Y motor and an electric while further charging the capacitor element after the precharging is completed, as recited in claim 14 and as similarly recited in claim 24.

Although Moriya may disclose a capacitor element and inverters, disclosing this structure alone fails to disclose or suggest the steps as specifically called for in claims 14 and 24. Accordingly, neither Moriya nor the other applied references disclose or suggest the steps as specifically called for in claims 14 and 24.

It is respectfully requested that the rejections be withdrawn.

In view of the foregoing, it is respectfully submitted that this application is in condition for allowance. Favorable reconsideration and prompt allowance are earnestly solicited.

Should the Examiner believe that anything further would be desirable in order to place this application in even better condition for allowance, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the telephone number set forth below.

Respectfully submitted,



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Petition for Extension of Time

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